

Preliminary Amendment

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 2(a), 2(b) ~~is~~ are sectional views showing a sensor SS attached to side wall of a casing 140 of the ink cartridge 100;

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 8(a), 8(b) ~~shows a variation~~ show variations in applied voltage (potential difference from the grounding potential) of a piezoelectric element PZT;

Please amend the third full paragraph on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 10(a), (b) ~~shows~~ show generation of voltage in the piezoelectric element PZT in response to discharge of the piezoelectric element PZT.